

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1793

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0784A
Yoshihito KAWAMURA et al. : **Confirmation No. 1946**
Serial No. 10/580,236 : Group Art Unit 1793
Filed May 23, 2006 : Examiner Sikyin Ip
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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER-INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 27, 2009 attached an Examiner-Initialed Form PTO-1449 from the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 23, 2006. However, the Examiner did not initial the last reference cited (Hiroyuki Watanabe et al., "Mechanical Properties of Mg-Y-Zn Alloy Processed by Equal-Channel-Angular Extrusion", Materials Transactions, Vol. 44, No. 4, pages 463 to 467, 2003). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to expressly consider this reference, and return a copy of the Examiner-Initialed PTO-1449 Form to Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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